



2007 FEDERAL ANNUAL REPORT

Background:

- Federal law requires states to annually assess the operation of the State Child Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) and to assess the progress made in reducing the number of uncovered, low-income children.

Content of Report:

- Report provides snapshot of the HFP and any changes that have occurred to the HFP during the Federal Fiscal Year 2007 (October 1 – September 30.)
- Contains questions about the following:
 - ✓ Eligibility
 - ✓ Enrollment
 - ✓ Application process
 - ✓ Cost Sharing
 - ✓ Outreach
 - ✓ Premium Assistance
 - ✓ Crowd out
 - ✓ Program Financing
 - ✓ Performance Measurement
 - ✓ Strategic Planning
 - ✓ Challenges and Accomplishments
- 2007 Federal Annual Report (FAR) contains over 400 pages of information.

Challenges and Accomplishments identified in the 2007 FAR include:

- Challenges
 - ✓ CMS August 17, 2007 letter that seeks to limit state flexibility for those states that provide SCHIP eligibility for children of families with income levels at or above 250 percent of the Federal poverty level (FPL)
 - ✓ Expiration of California's SCHIP Parental Waiver that includes the authority to operate a SCHIP 2-Month Bridge Program into Medicaid Program

- ✓ Lack of county outreach, enrollment, retention and utilization (OERU) funding for the SCHIP and Medicaid programs. Funds were eliminated for 2007-08 due to state fiscal conditions.

➤ Accomplishments

- ✓ Enrollment
 - Continued growth
 - Streamlining (alternate plan assignment and no initial premium requirement)
 - Open enrollment postcard process
 - Continued increase in enrollment entities and certified application assistants
- ✓ Administrative Vendor
 - Highest performance quality and accuracy standards in the country
- ✓ Eligibility
 - Transition of the 2 month bridge to Presumptive Medicaid
- ✓ Quality Measurement
 - Mental Health/Substance Abuse Study
 - Revised Dental Quality Measures for 2008-09
 - Plan Performance Profiles
 - Annual quality of care reports (HEDIS®)
 - Consumer Surveys (CAHPS®, D-CAHPS®, YAHCS®)
 - Cultural and Linguistic Survey Report
- ✓ Rural Health Demonstration Projects

Several positive outcomes including increased access to:

 - Mental health and substance abuse services
 - Nutritional counseling and obesity prevention services
 - Individualized patient and parent asthma prevention education
 - Dental screening and treatment

The full report is available at
<http://www.mrmib.ca.gov/MRMIB/HFP/Fed07AnnualRpt.pdf>